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## Letter to Reverend J.W. Brooks

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To the Rev. J. W. Brooks  
Chaplain to Lord Galway Retford  
Notts } WORTHINGTON Ohio,  
Jan: 12<sup>th</sup> 10'25

Rev. & Dear Sir:

The best apology which I can make  
~~for my~~ for my neglect of your most interesting  
letter of May last is to relate facts; and then  
throw myself on your mercy.  
When, in London, I rec<sup>d</sup> your esteemed favour  
I was much pressed for time: ~~and~~ having no  
Secretary ~~many~~ of the letters I rec<sup>d</sup> were of necessity  
unanswered longer than I could wish. Yours how-  
ever, it was my intention to answer <sup>immediately</sup> and that most  
gratefully, ~~and~~ <sup>unwillingly</sup> closing with all the pro-  
positions in relation to Mr Cockren whose history &  
interesting character you so tenderly to him and so  
prudently ~~generally~~ to me describe. But the letter was  
mislaid and actually packed up with books and  
parals for America, so that it never once <sup>again</sup> came  
-eye after ~~the first reading~~ till in this my study  
in Ohio a few days ago. What my ~~unhappy~~  
feelings of regret were I can not describe to you.  
I ~~earnestly~~ <sup>earnestly</sup> ~~offered~~ <sup>offered</sup> to find the letter and after my deter-  
mination to return <sup>on Friday</sup> I sought for it ~~in my~~  
my papers but could not find it. Your address was  
not in my mind and even the name of Mr Cock-  
ren was, amid the multitude of names which crowd-  
ed on me, forgotten. Often did I hope that some  
circumstance would turn up by which I might re-  
member your respective names and address so  
as to permit me to write you before I embarked; but  
this never happened.



And now what shall be done? What but thus to ap-  
peal and entreat you to forgive me. If Mr Cookren is  
still disengaged, and can obtain means to reach me he may  
rely on my great satisfaction in seeing him, and on my  
doing all in my power to befriend him and thro' him  
to benefit the Church. <sup>Christ</sup> If he come the <sup>better way</sup> had better take  
~~American~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~man~~ <sup>road</sup> ~~and as to the route~~ <sup>he goes to Lake Erie</sup>  
~~than by the road~~ <sup>from Cleveland</sup> ~~to the City of Cleveland~~ <sup>being the</sup>  
~~most direct~~ <sup>shortest</sup> ~~route~~ <sup>road</sup> ~~to my present residence~~  
~~which is at the Pleasant Dates Franklin County~~  
~~State of Ohio.~~ The Liver Pool Packet to New-  
York; thence up the North River to Albany;  
thence to Buffalo by the canal; thence  
in the Steam Boat on Lake Erie to San-  
dusky ~~as before~~; thence to Worthington in the  
Stage Coach. ~~constitute the necessary Memoir~~

~~an over~~.  
I can not think of closing this letter without telling you something of the progress of the affairs of our infant western Church in which you have been so good as to take a most obliging interest.

blesed in my voyage and in the meeting of my  
family and in <sup>& safe</sup> every long journey across the moun-  
tains I arrived in time at Chillicothe to hold  
the Convention of our Churches the day  
where by letter I had anticipated <sup>my letter had</sup> ~~arrived~~ <sup>been</sup> ~~arrived~~ <sup>been</sup>



on the shores of my Country. Every thing in  
this convention was conducted in great harmony.  
The Constitution of our Seminary was framed and adopted  
and measures taken, be incorporated. Founded on this  
the Legislature has since given us a Charter with  
a power to hold 20 thousand Dollars or rising from thou-  
sand pounds <sup>starting</sup> annual income. If we can ever  
make the funds <sup>produce one quarter</sup> ~~amount to that~~  
<sup>we shall be most happy of the American Church</sup>  
of this corporation the <sup>members</sup> ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> ex officio mem-  
bers. and have a visitatorial power. The Statutes  
are to be subject to the revision of the Genl Con-  
vention.

The place where the Seminary will finally  
be <sup>finally fixed</sup> ~~placed~~ is yet to be determined by the Con-  
vention next June. Many places have made  
very liberal offers in land and in buildings.  
I can hardly believe myself when I reflect  
on the great Blessings of God which have  
attended this at first conceived to be so  
hopeless an undertaking. God with feeble  
means hath made good his arm and fought  
for us.

Do remember me to the Rev. Mr. Knight  
Mr. Mitchell ~~and all family~~ <sup>family</sup> Mrs & Mrs Shaw and  
all who shewed me kindness in Halifax.  
And believe me most faithfully  
your obliged friend & servant  
P. C.



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